



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

September 24, 2002

Applicants: Hidenari YASUI et al

For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT
OF AQUEOUS ORGANIC WASTES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following
amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 13-16 as follows.

13. (New) The process according to Claim 11, wherein
the amount of biosludge ozonized and converted into BOD
components is greater than the amount of excess sludge
generated in the bioreactor.

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14. (New) The process according to Claim 12, wherein
the amount of biosludge ozonized and converted into BOD
components is greater than the amount of excess sludge
generated in the bioreactor.

15. (New) The process according to Claim 11, wherein
aerated aqueous suspension withdrawn from the aeration tank is
ozonized.

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